

REFORM PARTY

of Connecticut

December 17, 2000

Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20463

RE: Complaint Regarding Report(s) of
Reform Party 2000 Convention Committee
FEC ID #C00349324

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All Convention Expenditures Made and Reported

Complainant: Donna Donovan, Chairman
Reform Party of Connecticut
Glastonbury, CT 06033

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Dear Sirs:

As the Chairman of the Reform Party of Connecticut a state affiliate of the Reform Party of the USA, I hereby submit a complaint and request for investigation into the legitimacy of all expenditures made by the Reform Party 2000 Convention Committee, as represented on the FEC reports filed by Convention Chairman Gerald Moan Tucson, AZ 85749

Specifically, I question the legitimacy of the convention held in Long Beach, CA for which these expenditures were approved, as legitimate delegates were denied participation in the convention, and illegitimate delegates were seated.

Article III (National Convention) of the Reform Party Constitution (see copy attached) clearly states that delegates to the National Convention "be elected as provided in the Rules of their State Party Organization." Connecticut sent 9 legitimately elected delegates to Long Beach. Only two of them were seated at that convention (see list attached). In addition, a person NOT legitimately elected by the State Party Organization was seated as a delegate. He is: Christopher Glockler, Darien, CT 06820 From discussions with many other state party leaders nationwide, this type of situation occurred frequently. This could therefore not be considered a legitimate convention and therefore, I believe, the FEC funds were illegitimately approved and spent by Chairman Moan. I urge a full investigation into all delegates seated at this convention, as well as those denied participation. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Donna Donovan
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ARTICLE I

Name

- The name of this Party shall be the Reform Party of the United States of America

ARTICLE II

Object

The Object of the Reform Party shall be to

- a) Establish and operate as a major national political party composed of affiliated State Party Organizations from each state,
- b) Nominate and endorse candidates for President of the United States and for Vice President of the United States,
- c) Assist in the election of such candidates,
- d) Assist State Party Organizations in the election of their candidates and voter education,
- e) Develop and promote the enactment of legislation and policies consistent with the Reform Party Principles,

ARTICLE III National Convention

- Section 1 There shall be a National Convention The first session of the National Convention shall be designated as "The Inaugural National Convention of the Reform Party of the United States of America" and shall be further designated by the date or dates of such session, and by the location of such session Each subsequent session of the National Convention shall be similarly titled and designated, except that such session shall be consecutively enumerated
- Section 2 The National Convention shall be responsible for the governance of the Reform Party, and for providing for the fulfillment of the Object of the Reform Party
- Section 3 The National Convention shall be composed of the following Delegates.
 - a) The Executive Committee
 - b) Three Statewide Delegates from each State Party Organization
 - c) One Delegate from each U S Congressional District
- * ● Section 4 Qualifications for a person to be eligible to be a Delegate shall be such that each Delegate shall
 - a) be a member of their State Party Organization and a resident of the U S Congressional District and/or state for which he or she is a Delegate
 - b) be elected as provided in the Rules of their State Party Organization
 - c) not be required to pay a personal assessment or fee as a condition of serving as a Delegate
 - d) be registered with the Executive Committee No person shall be deemed to be a Delegate, who is not so registered
- Section 5 State Party Organization rules pertaining to Delegate qualifications, eligibility, election or appointment, term of office, conditions of continuing service, removal from office, vacancies, duties, powers, subjection, participation, and voting rights, shall be

This constitution, passed November 2, 1997, was established in the Reform Party National Founding Convention in Kansas City, Missouri

Revisions:

Oct 11, 1998 in Atlanta, GA
July 23, 1999 in Dearborn, MI

Article

- 1. Name
- 2. Object
- 3. National Convention
- 4. National Committee
- 5. Executive Committee
- 6. Standing Committee General
- Provisions
- 7. Special Committees and Sub-Committees
- 8. National Officer General Provisions
- 9. State Party Organizations
- 10. General Provisions
- 11. Bylaws
- 12. Parliamentary Authority
- 13. Amendment

observed, unless such rules are in conflict with this Constitution, or other provisions adopted pursuant to provisions of this Constitution, including the provisions of the Bylaws, the Resolutions and actions of the National Convention, and such provisions as may be specified in the Standing Rules of the National Convention

a) In the event such State Party Organization rules do not so pertain, a State Party Organization shall carry out such measures as may be required by the National Convention, the proper directives of the National Committee, the proper directives of the Executive Committee, and such as may be provided in the Bylaws

b) In the event such State Party Organization rules do so conflict, a State Party Organization shall carry out such measures as may be required by the National Convention, the proper directives of the National Committee, the proper directives of the Executive Committee, and such as may be provided in the Bylaws

- Section 6 Affirmative support of the Reform Party Object, the Reform Party endorsed candidates for President and Vice President of the United States and the Reform Party Statement of Principles shall be a condition of continuing service as a Delegate
- Section 7 The removal of a Delegate shall be such that
 - a) Any Delegate may be removed by three-quarters vote of the registered Delegates of the National Convention The seat of a Delegate so removed shall automatically and immediately become vacant upon such removal
 - b) Any Delegate may be removed in accordance with the Rules of the applicable State Party Organization, except for a person who is a Delegate as a result of being an Elected National Party Officer
- Section 8 Each State Party Organization may send Alternate Delegates in accordance with their State Party Organization Rules Each Alternate Delegate must meet all the qualifications of a Delegate, shall reside in the same political district as the Delegate they replace, and shall have no voting rights until re-registered as a Delegate
- Section 9 The National Convention shall
 - a) be the supreme governing body of the Reform Party at the national level, subject only to the provisions of this Constitution and the provisions of the Bylaws
 - b) have all power and authority over the affairs of the Reform Party, subject only to the provisions of this Constitution and to the provisions of the Bylaws
 - c) have the exclusive power to grant Official Recognition to State Party Organizations Official Recognition of a State Party Organization shall be granted by majority vote of the registered Delegates
 - d) receive reports from the National Officers and Committees
 - e) adopt a national Reform Party platform by two-thirds vote of the registered Delegates
 - f) adopt a national Statement of Principles by two-thirds vote of the registered Delegates This same requirement shall apply to amendments, additions or revisions to the Statement of Principles
 - g) in appropriate years, provide rules and procedures for the nomination and endorsement of candidates for the office of President and Vice President of the United States, or no endorsement, such procedures shall, to the extent possible, provide for the popular selection by Reform Party members
 - h) act upon such other matters as the National Convention deems appropriate, subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the provisions of the Bylaws
- Section 10 Sessions of the National Convention shall be such that
 - a) Previous notice of each session of the National Convention shall be given in writing, by means of a Call to National Convention Such a Call to National Convention shall
 - (1) be mailed to each affiliated State Party Organization Chair and all known elected Delegates and Alternates, not more than ninety days and not less than thirty five days, prior to the date of the first scheduled business meeting of the session being called,
 - (2) specify the date, hour, place and proposed agenda of the meeting,
 - (3) contain other such information as is provided in this Constitution, and such as may be provided in the Bylaws
 - b) The quorum of a session of the National Convention shall be the majority of all registered Delegates
 - c) The National Convention shall be called into session once each calendar year Such session shall be scheduled and arranged, and a Call to National Convention shall be properly issued by the National Party Chair, upon two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee or

majority vote of the National Committee, except in a case of emergency. In a case of emergency, the National Convention may be called into session as needed such that

(1) A case of emergency shall be deemed to exist upon such being officially declared by the Reform Party Chair, by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, or by majority vote of the National Committee

(2) An official declaration of emergency shall in no way remove, alter, or have precedence over any of the provisions of this Constitution, or the provisions of the Bylaws

d) The determination, allocation, exercise and tally of Delegate votes shall be such that.

(1) Only Delegates who have been properly registered and are in attendance at the time of the vote shall be eligible to vote. There shall be no proxy voting

(2) No person shall hold more than one Delegate seat

(3) Each Delegate shall have one and only one vote

(4) No Delegate shall be required to cast a vote contrary to his or her preference

- Section 11 Each Delegate shall report to the State Party Organization of which he or she is a member. The National Convention shall provide that the minutes and Resolutions of the National Convention be recorded in writing, be properly filed with Reform Party Executive Committee, be distributed to the Chairperson of each State Party Organization and be made available to the public

ARTICLE IV National Committee

- Section 1 The National Committee shall be responsible for the conducting of the business and affairs of the Reform Party between sessions of the National Convention. Such responsibilities shall include
 - a) providing a procedure for the nomination of Reform Party National Officers
 - b) the temporary filling of National Officer vacancies,
 - c) providing for the clear interpretation, proper application, and continuing pertinence of the Bylaws, and for the continuing integrity of the Bylaws with this Constitution and the Statement of Principles of the Reform Party,
 - d) formulating and promoting statements of public policy, which are consistent with the Reform Party Statement of Principles,
 - e) providing for the raising, budgeting, disbursing and accounting of the monies for the operation of the Reform Party in amounts sufficient to fulfill the Party Object, including setting the dollar amount and payment frequency of any dues, fees and assessments to be paid to the National Party by State Party Organizations
 - f) providing for ongoing Reform Party public relations and voter education,
 - g) providing for the keeping, filing and archival storage of the official books, records and lists of the Reform Party,
 - h) assisting state Reform Party Organizations in the building of their State Party Organizations, election of their endorsed candidates and member education, and
 - i) all other actions appropriate or necessary to carry out the provisions of this Constitution and the Bylaws and carry on the successful operation of the Reform Party
- Section 2 The National Committee shall be composed of
 - a) the Executive Committee,
 - b) three statewide Delegates from each State Party Organization
- Section 3 Affirmative support of the Reform Party Object, the Reform Party endorsed candidates for President and Vice President of the United States and the Reform Party Statement of Principles shall be a condition of continuing membership on the National Committee
- Section 4 A National Committee Member shall be subject to the provisions of this Constitution and the Rules of their State Party Organization except where the State Party Organization rules conflict with this Constitution or state election laws. The State Chair shall be responsible for registering the State Party Organization's National Committee Members with the Executive Committee
- Section 5 Each National Committee Member shall have the duty to serve on at least one Reform Party Standing Committee or Special Committee
- Section 6 The National Committee shall meet one or more times in each calendar year. A National Committee meeting shall be called by the National Chairperson or by action of one-fourth of all National Committee members. The National Committee may conduct a vote by mail on matters pertaining to the election and/or nominating of officers, the election of committee members, the filling of vacancies, the activation and dismissal of Special Committees, the issuance of a Call to National Convention, the approval or amendment of the Reform Party budget and the amendment of the Bylaws
- Section 7. A quorum of the National Committee shall be a majority of the registered National Committee Members
- Section 8 The National Committee shall report to the National Convention
- Section 9 National Committee Members shall be elected, not appointed, democratically by their respective State

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ATTACHMENT

List of Connecticut Delegates to 2000 Reform Party Convention And Whether Each Was Seated at Convention Chaired by Gerald Moan

Donna Donovan (State Chairman), Glastonbury, CT	Denied Participation
Shelby Robertson (Secretary), New Britain, CT	Denied Participation
Loretta Farren (Treasurer), Monroe, CT	Denied Participation
Robert B. Davidson (Cong. District 1), Cromwell, CT	Denied Participation
Rudolph Urban (Cong. District 2), Chester, CT	Denied Participation
Gary Beane (Cong. District 3), New Haven, CT	Denied Participation
Joseph Morabito (Cong. District 4), Stamford, CT	Seated at Convention
Gene Lavers (Cong. District 5), Danbury, CT	Seated at Convention
Gail Alibozak (Cong. District 6), Winchester, CT	Denied Participation

In addition to the two individuals, above, who were allowed to participate in the Convention, a third person was seated as a delegate who was NOT elected by the Reform Party of Connecticut in accordance with the national party Constitution and our State Rules: Christopher Glockler of Darien, CT

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